

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
JUVENILE DIVISION FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2151.18(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division has filed with this Board their 2024 Annual Report as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Said report which reflects the number and type of cases that have come before this court, the disposition thereof ordered by the court and other data pertaining to the work of the court has been duly examined by this Board; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that said report is hereby accepted and filed.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-274

June 10, 2025

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OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION FOR 2024**

Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board *, Acting*
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

**Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Probate/Juvenile Division**

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Judge

Andrew J. Misiak
Court Administrator



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Juvenile Division Magistrates

Richard L. Dana
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May 28, 2025

Commissioner J.P. Ducro, IV
Commissioner Casey R. Kozlowski
Commissioner Kathryn L. Whittington
Ashtabula County Commissioners
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ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Dear Commissioners,

Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division respectively submit their 2024 Annual Report to your office. This report has been submitted to the Supreme Court in compliance with Section 2151.18(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

This report reflects the number and type of cases that have come before this court, the disposition thereof ordered by the court and other data pertaining to the work of the court.

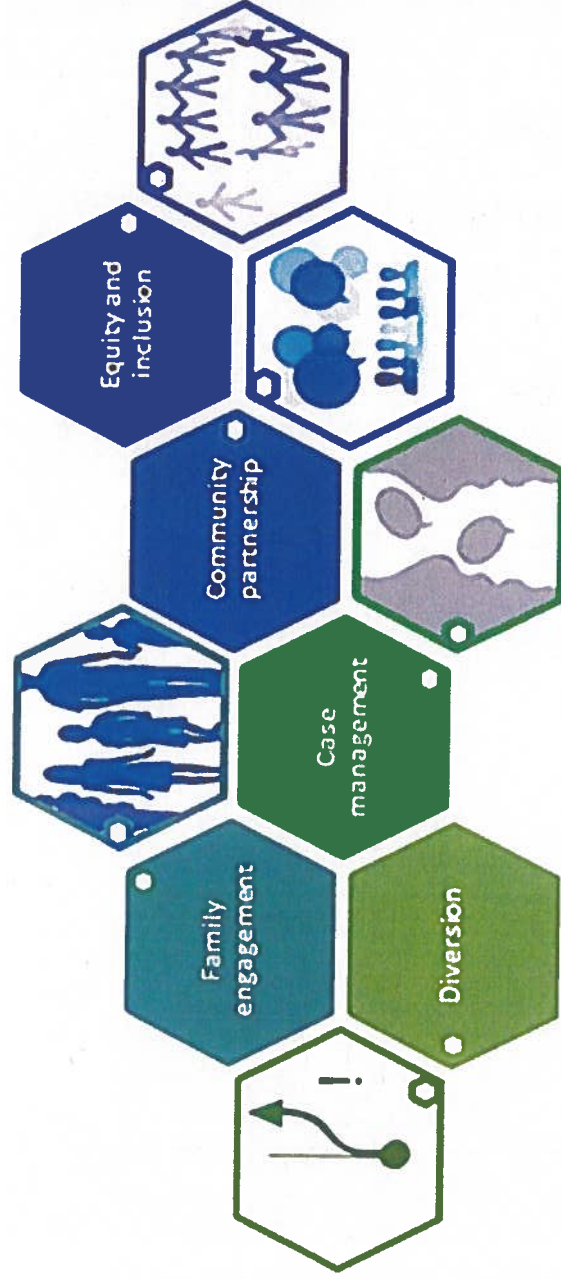
Sincerely,

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Karen Capstick
Operations and Financial Director
Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile/Probate Divisions

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Ashtabula County Juvenile & Probate Court 2024 Annual Report



JUDGE ALBERT S. CAMPLESE

The Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners

J.P. Ducro, IV, President

Casey R. Kozlowski, Vice President

Kathryn L. Whittington

In compliance with Section 2151.18 of the Ohio Revised Code, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Ashtabula County court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, for the calendar year 2024, showing the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, the disposition thereof ordered by the court, and other data pertaining to the work of the court of interest to you and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert S. Campese

Albert S. Campese, Judge
Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division

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FORWORD BY:
JUDGE ALBERT S CAMPLESE

The Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court, Ashtabula County Family Resource Center and respective staffs have been diligent and successful in assisting and supporting the lives of Ashtabula County children, seniors and families.

Our Annual Report documents the positive outcomes achieved for children, seniors, and families here in 2024. Our Juvenile Court's aggressive pursuit of grant funding directly resulted in over \$1.7 million in outside funding being awarded for the Court's operation.

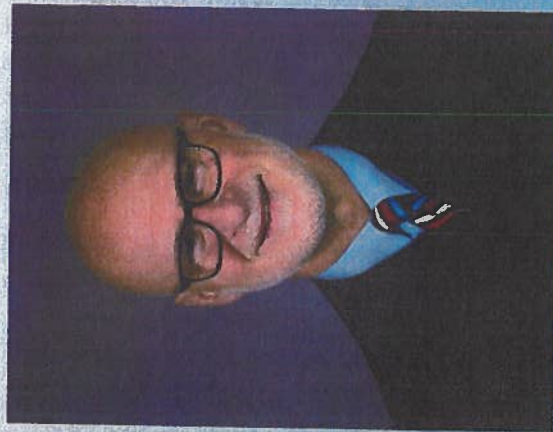
This past year, our Juvenile Court also took a major step forward in its ongoing effort to secure a modern and efficient physical plant. Our county purchased Ashtabula City's former Municipal Building for renovation, and use as a new Juvenile Justice Center. Renovations to the building are expected to be completed in 2025. When finished, the facility will house the Juvenile Court's Clerk's offices, our

Family Resource Center, as well as new and modern courtrooms and attorney/client meeting spaces.

Our Probate-Juvenile Court continues its mission to treat all parties, children and families with respect, professionalism and dignity.

Albert S. Camplese

Albert S. Camplese, Judge
Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court
Juvenile-Probate Divisions



ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT MISSION STATEMENT

The Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, is committed to administering juvenile justice and protecting the rights and serving the best interests of children, families, parents and the community. Our mission is as follows:

To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children;

To provide supervision, care and rehabilitation, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or in the interests of public safety;

To provide judicial procedures in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced.

Juvenile Court / Family Resource Center Receive Award

In March 2024, The Juvenile Court / Family Resource Center received the *Community Impact Award* from the Ashtabula County YMCA. The award acknowledges those who advocate for and effect change by addressing critical social, economic, health, or environmental within a specific community. The Court's initiatives and projects with the YMCA were cited as benefiting its most challenged youth. Court Administrator Andrew Misiak, noted this partnership offers youth and families the opportunity to utilize the Ashtabula County YMCA. It specifically targets youth who need and require more pro-social opportunities in their lives. Unfortunately, these opportunities can be unattainable for some. "We were able to close that gap by providing memberships to troubled youth, and his/her entire family as well,"



Silver Level Assessment Center

The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court is very pleased to announce the National Assessment Center Association (NAC) has awarded us with a Silver Level 'Commitment to Excellence' Award! The Board of Directors of the National Assessment Center Association (NAC) is proud to introduce their "Pathways to Excellence" initiative. The initiative employs a tiered approach to recognizing an Assessment Center's commitment to implementation of best practices outlined in the Assessment Center Framework. The Path-ways to Excellence initiative draws inspiration from methodologies employed by Community Action Agencies and other Baldrige Award applications. It allows Assessment Centers to commence their journey at the entry-level or "commitment" stage. Advancement through the levels entails deeper engagement with the Assessment Center Framework and best practice. Successful completion of each level mandates meeting the requirements of the preceding tier, ultimately leading to recognition as a Center of Excellence. Participation in the Path-ways to Excellence initiative is entirely voluntary for Assessment Centers. Agencies achieving proficiency at each level will be formally acknowledged during an annual NAC convening.



Ashtabula wins NACo Achievement Award

We are very proud and excited to announce this year Ashtabula County Juvenile Court's Family Resource Center has been awarded an Achievement Award from the NACo (National Association of Counties) in the "Children and Youth Category! Since 1970, the NA-Co Achievement Awards have recognized outstanding county government programs and services. Through a non-competitive application process, noteworthy programs receive awards in 18 categories that cover a vast range of county responsibilities. Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center opened its doors on November 13, 2017, as a separate entity from the courthouse. The goal is to keep low-risk youth from ever stepping foot inside Juvenile Court. On April 30, 2018, The Youth Detention Center closed its doors, making the Family Resource Center the main entry point for all youth in the county. The goal is to get involved with youth and families earlier rather than later, and get services started as soon as possible



Family Resource Center Makeover

This year, one of the Ashtabula County Youth LEADERShip group projects focused on beautification and place-making. A recent project included working with our Family Resource Center in designing and painting an inspirational mural. Bringing so much color to the space—it turned out beautifully! Team members included Will Anderson (St. John), Chrissy Biggins (St. John), Julia McDaniels (Geneva), and Ella Boroski (Conneaut), Abby Johnson (Geneva), and Ana Wheelock Lakeside). Pictured with the mural are team members Will Anderson (St. John), Chrissy Biggins (St. John), Julia McDaniels (Geneva), and Ella Boroski (Conneaut). The top picture to the right shows what the wall looked like before—bare and ready for some creativity. The bottom photo displays the finished product. Many thanks to the students and to Chris Davis who helped to take this mural from idea to reality. His guidance allowed the team to take it to the next level! If you have opportunity to visit the Family Resource Center make sure you check out our mural!



Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center is open Monday-Friday 7 am-Midnight, and available to Law Enforcement 24/7. The FRC is the point of entry for all Juvenile Court youth in Ashtabula County. When juveniles are accused of a crime or infraction, they are brought to the FRC. Staff screen and evaluate risks and needs of the youth and their families. Rather than incarceration, juveniles are processed through with alternatives to detention being the primary focus. With the help of the FRC, non-violent or low-risk juvenile offenders can be diverted from the traditional criminal justice system

Screening tools

- OYAS – Ohio Youth Assessment System (Diversion instrument). Allows us to gauge a youth's risk of recidivism.
- JVQ-R2- Juvenile Violence Questionnaire. Measures a youth's exposure to violence and trauma.
- GAIN-SS- a tool used to screen for internalized and externalized disorders, as well as substance abuse and criminal violence.
- Human Trafficking- a tool used to show if a youth may have been a victim of Human Trafficking
- Ohio SCALES- done by both youth and parent. This tool shows youth problem, functioning and satisfaction. This tool is used to gauge success in the program



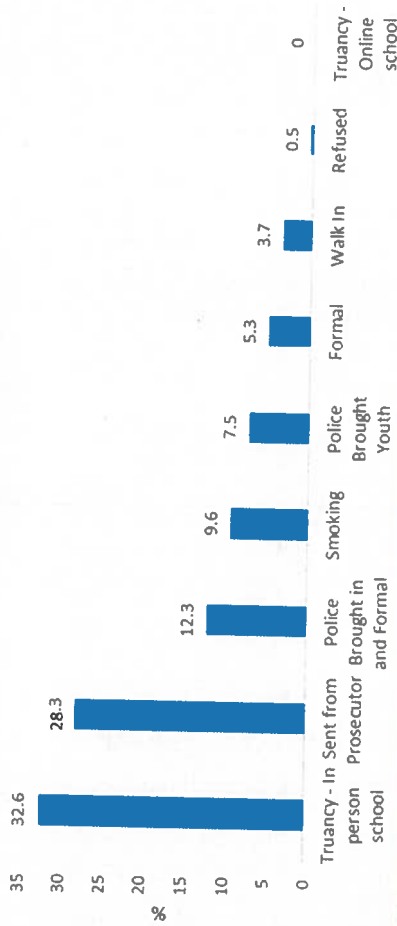


Between January 1st, 2024 and March 31st, 2024, 187 youth were referred to the Family Resource Center, which is a 42% increase in referrals compared to the previous quarter (132 youth referred between October and December). The majority of youth served were male (60.4%, n = 113) and White (72.6%, n = 135) or Hispanic (10.8%, n = 20). The average age at referral was 14.2 years. Of the 75 youth with OYAS data, 77.3% (n = 58) scored Moderate and 17.3% (n = 11) scored Low. In the quarter, 47.6% (n = 88) of the youth served by the Family Resource Center were referred for being 'at risk' while 36.8% (n = 68) were referred for a misdemeanor. Eight youth (4.3%) in the quarter were referred for a felony. The average number of direct youth service hours for youth referred in the quarter was 1.9 hours while the average number of direct family service hours was 1.8. Of the 60 youth with data, 88.3% (n = 53) of the youth served in the quarter received a support activity. Of the 61 youth who were both admitted and released from services in the quarter, 90.2% (n = 55) completed successfully while the remaining 9.8% (n = 6) were judged to have a neutral termination. In the quarter, no youth completed unsuccessfully. Of the youth with data for both referral reason and completion status, all 12 youth (100%) who were brought in by the police and went formal, completed successfully. The first referral was made in April of 2017, and therefore does not represent a full year. The 2020 data were impacted by COVID-19. Since its inception, 76.8% (n = 2,310) of the youth served through the Family Re-source Center have completed successfully. Since 2017, there has been an increase in the trend of successful completion rates by year. Data for 2024 reflects January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024.

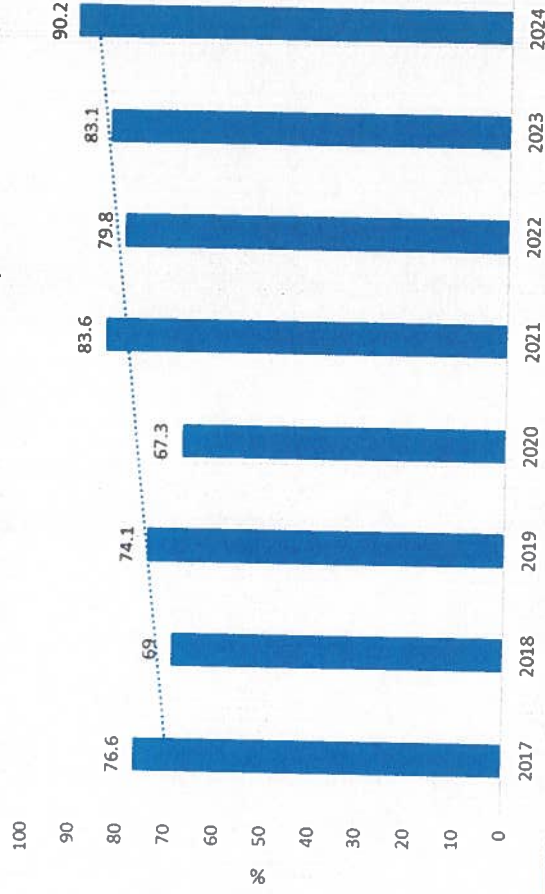


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Reason for Referral: Jan 24 - March 24



Successful Completion Rate by Year





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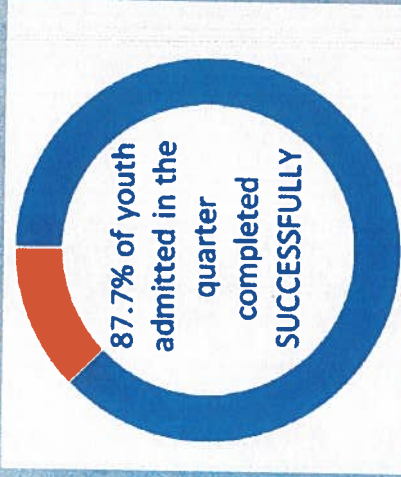
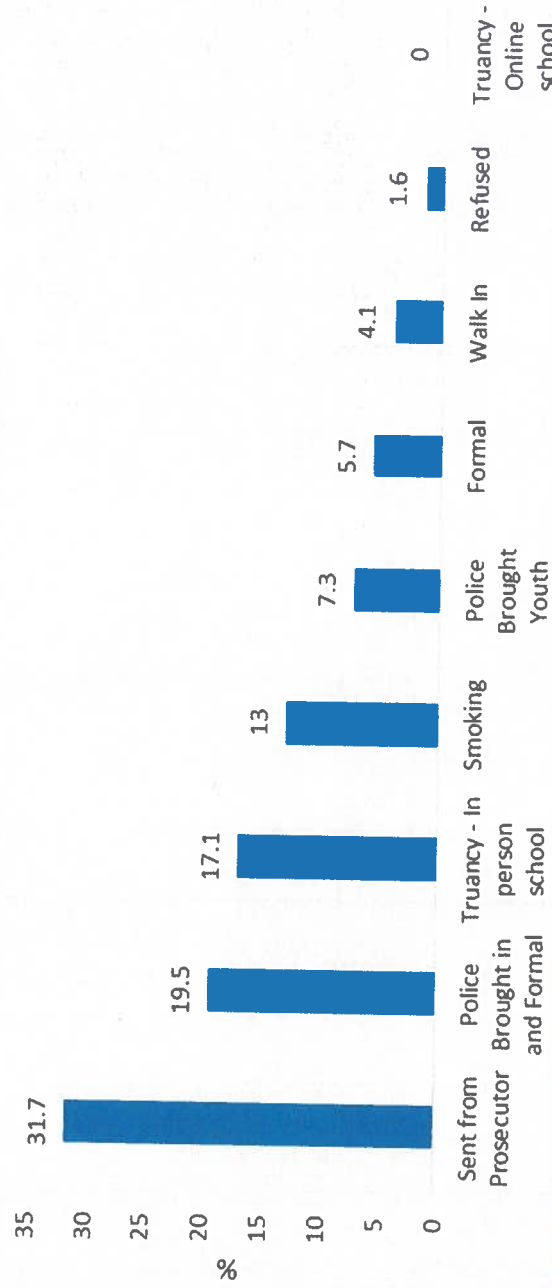
Between April 1st, 2024 and June 30th, 2024, 123 youth were referred to the Family Resource Center, which is a 34% decrease in referrals compared to the previous quarter (187 youth referred between January and March). The majority of youth served were male (61.0%, n = 75) and White (70.5%, n = 86) or Black (13.1%, n = 16).

The average age at referral was 14.5 years. Of the 78 youth with OYAS data, 66.7% (n = 52) scored Moderate and 25.6% (n = 20) scored Low. In the quarter, 37.4% (n = 46) of the youth served by the Family Resource Center were referred for being 'at risk' while 39.0% (n = 48) were referred for a misdemeanor. Eight youth (6.5%) in the quarter were referred for a felony. The average number of direct youth service hours for youth referred in the quarter was 1.4 hours while the average number of direct family service hours was 1.5. Of the 69 youth with data, 91.3% (n = 63) of the youth served in the quarter received a support activity. Of the 73 youth who were both admitted and released from services in the quarter, 87.7% (n = 64) completed successfully, 8.2% (n = 6) were judged to have a neutral termination, and 4.1% (n = 3) were unsuccessful. In the quarter, no youth completed unsuccessfully. Of the youth with data for both referral reason and completion status, all 16 youth (100%) who were brought in by the police and went formal, completed successfully. The sample sizes for many of these categories were quite low, and therefore caution must be applied to any interpretation of these data.

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Reason for Referral: April 24 - June 24



Early Intervention Truancy / Behavioral Program

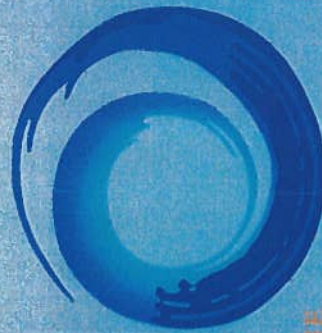
This pilot program was funded via a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The project seeks to improve school attendance and behavioral issues by focusing on, and building, family engagement as a strategy to improve youth success. Through intervention by engagement, the juvenile court, the Community Counseling Center, Buckeye and Conneaut School districts will seek to reduce; and ultimately eliminate, a given youth's involvement in the Juvenile Justice system. The Community Counseling

Center has partnered with the Court by hiring a Youth Engagement Specialist. The Youth Engagement Specialist directly and pro-actively works with families to eliminate barriers, and the behaviors contributing to excessive absences and habitual truancy. Youth are referred to the program by school staff after HB410 thresholds are met. Youth may also be referred to the program for poor grades, attendance, or behavior issues in the school. The frequency of contact will depend on risk and need. The Youth Engagement Specialist communicates with families and students to prevent the student from having unexcused absences and hitting truancy thresholds. In addition, the Specialist mentors the student, and actively seeks to build upon his/her skill set to achieve attendance goals. The first priority is to build relationships with the student, his/her family, school leadership, and existing community resource networks. As of April 12, 2024, the program has seen amazing success in reducing truancy rates, establishing small groups of engaged students and families via incentives and consistent engagement throughout the year. For more information contact Jim Hyland here.



Evidence Based Programming

GIRLS CIRCLE®



THE COUNCIL®
FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

EVERY KID IS ONE
CARING ADULT AWAY
FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY

-- JOSH SHIPP



Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPCS)

Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Mondays with Mr. Jim

“Mondays with Mr. Jim” can consist of almost anything from fishing or hiking to finding beach glass and playing volleyball at the beach. Days with Mr. Jim typically end with the youth tending to the community garden located right out-side of Ashtabula County Juvenile Court building. If you have any spare time, feel free to stop by and check it out! Mr. Jim makes sure to review with the youth his important words to live by Respect, Honesty, Trust and Responsibility. Mr. Jim is a long-time employee of the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court. Over his 30+ years of service, Mr. Jim has completed a variety of jobs, but many people recognize him for his work with youth. The youth always have a blast going on different adventures with Mr. Jim and listening to his life advice. Pictured images from the very first outing, visiting the Ashtabula train wreck sight and Chestnut Grove Cemetery to visit the burial sight, some of the youth pulling weeds from the community garden after the long day of adventures!



Free Summer Lunch

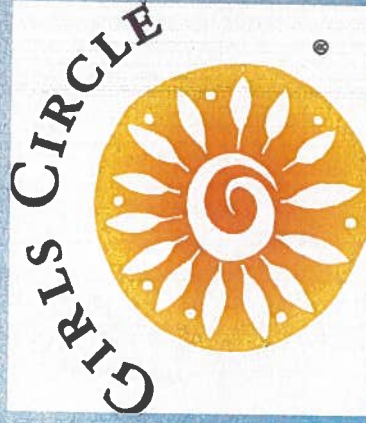
This summer, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court's Family Resource Center has been assisting with the Free Summer Lunch Program. This program offers free lunches for kids all over Ashtabula County. You may have spotted Myke Anderson-Dowd and Tre Scruggs daily at Eagle Street Park in Geneva. Tre Scruggs has been a Peer Mentor with the Family Resource Center since October 2023. Since his hire, Tre has been a true asset to the Family Resource Center, serving the youth and family of the Ashtabula County community. Myke Anderson-Dowd has been the Community Service Coordinator with the Family Resource Center since December 2016. She has coordinated many community service events over her years of service. The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court's Family Resource Center was recently awarded with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition and Achievement for their outstanding dedication to the community and partnership with Country Neighbor. We are honored to receive such an award and are excited to continue serving our community to the best of our abilities.



Girls Circle Program

On August 13, 2024, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center completed another round of the Girls Circle program. What's Girls Circle? The Girls Circle model is a structured support group for girls and youth who identify with female development from 9-18 years. This program integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training in a specific format designed to increase positive connection, personal and collective strengths, and competence. Groups are held weekly, for eight weeks.

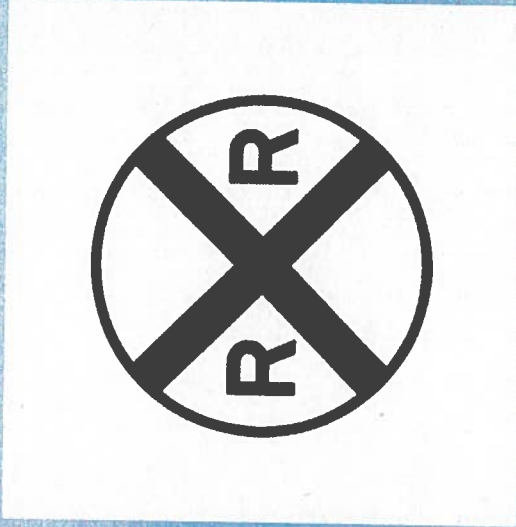
Our most recent Girls Circle program ran from June 25, 2024 to August 13, 2024 with the focus on Positive Body Image. Our Family Resource Center congratulated three (3) youth who completed this program with a celebration that include Steak 'n Shake with food and of course, milkshakes! Diversion Specialist and Girls Circle Facilitator, Breaille Bennett said that she always enjoys facilitating this program, and connecting with the youth. Breaille developed a close relationship with these young ladies, and they even did her makeup one day (see the picture below).



CSX Railroad Police Department Collaborates with Family Resource Center

The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center is always thinking out-side the box when it comes to assisting with our youth. Diversion Specialist, Emily Zeigler, connected with CSX Railroad Police Department to facilitate a presentation for youth that have committed railroad related offenses. This presentation was very educational not only for the youth, but for the parents. The youth were re-quired to attend the entire presentation, and complete a test after.

We would like to thank Jake Sigler and Richard Renshaw for delivering this presentation, and your willingness to collaborate with our Family Resource Center. Thank you, Emily for your innovation and dedication to our youth

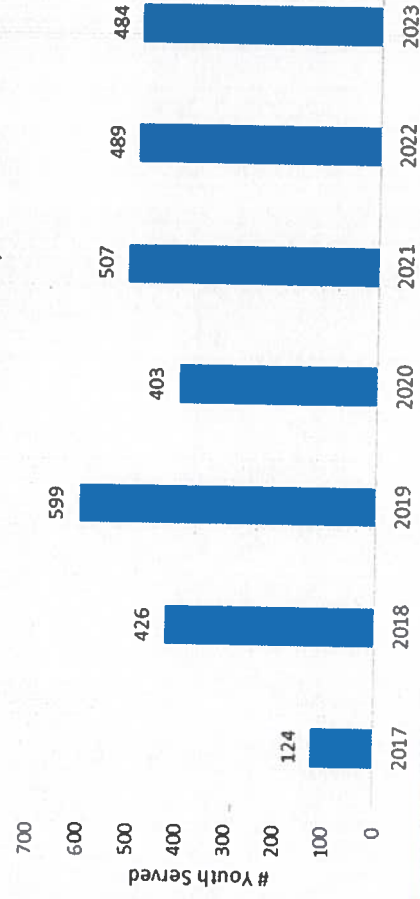


Family Resource Center Data

The Competitive RECLAIM project proposed by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court (ACJC) established a Resource Center to provide intake screening for youth referred to the court. Since 2017, the Resource Center has served 3,052 youths. Between October 1st, 2023 and December 31st, 2023, 132 youths were referred to the Resource Center, which is a 69% increase in referrals compared to the previous quarter (78 youth referred between July and October). Of the youth with data for both referral reason and completion status, all 12 youth (100%) who were brought in by the police and went formal completed success-fully. Since January 1, 2023, 484 youth were referred to the Resource Center. The majority of youth served were male (65.5%, n = 317) and White (77.6%, n = 374) or Black (11.6%, n = 56). The average age at referral was 14.7 years. Of the 375 youth with OYAS data, 66.9% (n = 251) scored Moderate and 27.2% (n = 102) scored Low. In 2023, 39.5% (n = 191) of youth served by the Resource Center were referred for a misdemeanor while 39.7% (n = 192) were referred for being "at risk". Twenty-seven youth (5.6%) served in 2023 were referred for a felony. Thank you to Case Western Reserve.



Assessment Center Referrals by Year



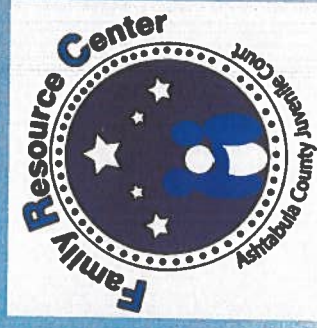
Fiscal Year 2024 RECLAIM Monitoring Report for Ashtabula County Juvenile Court

As of the date of this report, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court funds 12 Subsidy Grant programs/activities for Fiscal Year 2024. The juvenile court currently funds four community and no residential behavioral change programs. For the period of FY 2014 through FY 2023, the number of felony adjudications reported by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court decreased by 78.8% (-26 adjudications), while the statewide total of felony adjudications decreased by 19.4% (- 907 adjudications).

Compared to FY 2022, the court's felony adjudications for FY 2023 were unchanged (7 adjudications each year), while the statewide total of felony adjudications increased by 18.4% (+585 adjudications). As of the date of the monitoring report, based upon 10 months of data, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court has committed no youth to DYS and no youth to CCFs. The court is tracking to have no change in its total FY 2024 commitments as compared to FY 2023.

The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court is forecasted to use 0% of its allocated FY 2024 bed day credits. If the total percentage of bed day credits used by an Ohio court is less than 100%, the court will be scheduled to receive a FY 2025 RECLAIM allocation. The bed day usage comparison may change in subsequent months with the receipt of additional data.

For FY2024 Ashtabula County Juvenile Court's Grant Administration processes, as observed, demonstrated sufficient evidence to suggest that grant administration currently has appropriate fiscal reporting controls in place. The fiscal records are maintained by Karen Capstick, who also maintains a separate court ledger. Karen provided documentation of invoices, purchase orders, the county auditor ledger, contracts, and the court's ledger. She also provided evidence of reconciliation with the county auditor's ledger on a monthly basis. There was also proof shown of a segregated process for approving and paying invoices. Regarding data reporting controls, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that there are some appropriate data reporting controls in place. Per review of the court's OYAS 2.0 documentation it appears that admissions and releases are reported although two funded programs are not currently included.



Re-imagining Juvenile Justice Professional Development Opportunity



Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice

A Positive Youth Development Model & Cross-Systems Approach

A unique professional development program.

Participants will take home a new model of professional development and learn how they can help implement positive youth development and cross-systems approaches in their own organizations.

- ✓ Positive Youth Development Fundamentals
- ✓ Utilizing a Cross-Systems Approach – the Essential Nature of Collaboration
- ✓ Engaging Authentic Youth Voice and Leadership
- ✓ Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- ✓ Fostering Positive Family Relationships
- ✓ Transforming Policy & Practice

Learning through practice and the Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice pilot will include observation and direct practice.

When: Classes will be held June 3rd-5th from 1pm-6pm daily. All participants must participate in every class.

Where: TO BE DETERMINED

For More Information:
Questions on RJJ? Email: AJJ@ashevillejuvenile.org

NEW
Juvenile Justice Professional Development Program June 2024

- ✓ A course of study comprised of five (5) unique modules will be offered in June 2024.
- ✓ Classes are taught by recognized national and local experts in the field of youth services and juvenile justice.
- ✓ Stakeholders / Participants have been identified and are encouraged to attend.

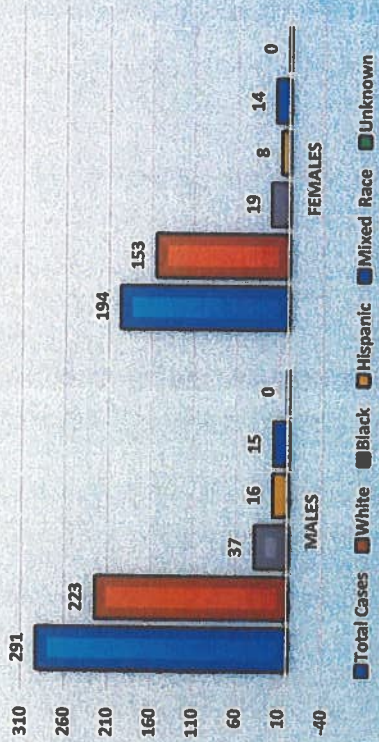
The Juvenile Court will be hosting a professional development opportunity for all stake-holders June 3rd-5th. The sessions will be from 1pm until 6pm, food will also be provided. What is RJJ? Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice is a Workforce Development Strategy.

The ability for today's juvenile justice work-force to see and engage with youth as assets is critical for transforming our national approach to juvenile justice from a punitive framework that creates a revolving door into progressively deeper levels of system involvement, towards one through which we more effectively address the multifaceted needs of young people and their families, helping them minimize or avoid deeper system-involvement. Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) is a unique workforce development initiative designed to help juvenile justice agencies and systems embed a positive youth development mindset that works across systems to achieve results.

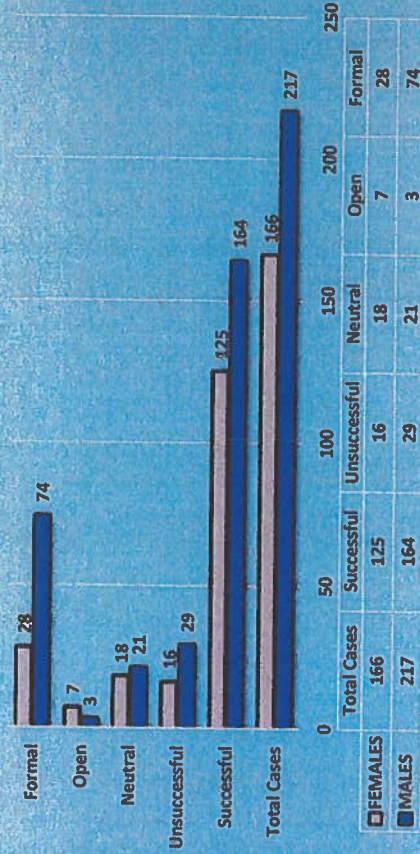
Family Resource Center



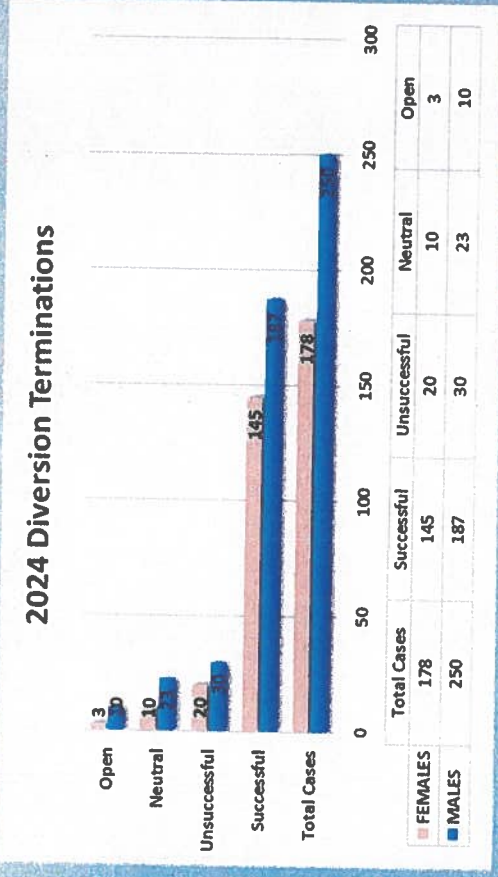
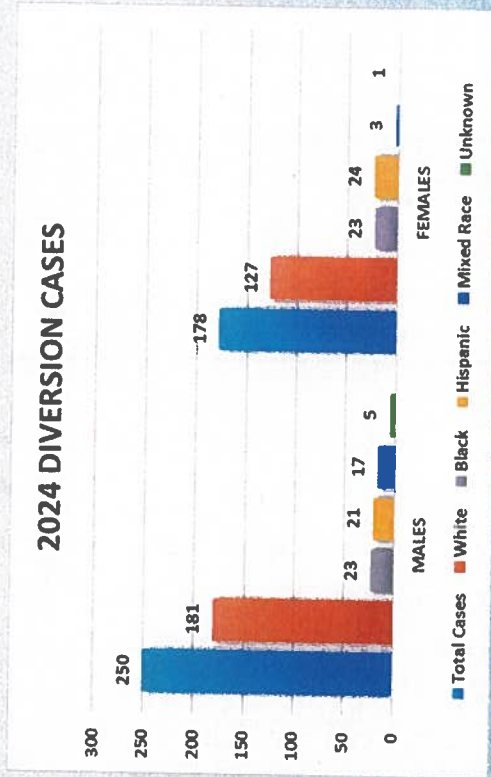
2023 Diversion Cases



2023 Diversion Terminations



Family Resource Center



Total Number of Cases 2024

1,971 Cases

• Delinquency	341
• Unruly	20
• Traffic	382
• Abuse, Neglect or Dependency	167
• Other Custodies	150
• Paternity	114
• Adult Cases	62
• All Others	20
• Permanent Custody	7
• Support – Enforce or Modify	708

Number of Males and Females Involved in Delinquency / Unruly 2024

Exclusive of Carryover

- Delinquency
 - Males
 - Females

177
81

- Unruly
 - Males
 - Females

14
3

Age of Juvenile Offenders Delinquency and Unruly 2024

Exclusive of Carryover

Age	# Cases
11 and younger	13
12	12
13	30
14	46
15	48
16	75
17	41
18+	9

2024 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover	
• 2152 Delinquency / Contempt / Probation Violation	0
• 2903 Assault / Menacing	95
• 2905 Kidnap / Attempted Abduction	0
• 2907 Rape / Gross sexual Imposition / Dissemination	21
• 2909 Arson / Vandalism / Criminal Mischief	46
• 2911 Robbery / Burglary / Trespass	23
• 2913 Theft / Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle / Misuse of Credit Card / Receiving Stolen Property	39
• 2917 Disorderly Conduct / Inducing Panic	40
• 2919 Domestic Violence / Endangering a Child	72
• 2921 Intimidation / Falsification / Obstruction of Justice / Failure to Comply	47

2024 Types of Delinquent Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

- 2923 Discharging Firearm / Carrying Concealed Weapon /
Complicity 11
- 2925 Trafficking / Possession of Drugs /
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 5
- 4301 Underage Consumption 4
- 4729 Possession of Dangerous Drugs 0
- TRD Transfer Cases 14

2024 Types of Unruly Cases

Exclusive of Carryover

• Curfew Violation / Home Truancy	5
• Tobacco	4
• Habitually Disobedient	8
• Health and Morals	4



2024 Truancy Cases

- Number of Youth placed in alternatives to adjudication under R.C. 2151.27(G) 122
- Number of Youth who successfully completed alternatives to adjudication 80
- Number of Youth who failed to complete alternatives and were adjudicated unruly 0
- Total number of habitual complaints filed during the year 0
- Total number of habitual truants handled informally, including those who were diverted prior to filing a habitual truant complaint 122



Bar Association Donation



In 2017, The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court reached out to the local school districts for student artwork to display in our lobby. We experienced a wonderful response! Our program was conceived as a forum where the artistic talents of our county's youth may be showcased and viewed. We solicit, frame and display new artwork each year. The previous year's artwork is then returned to the student with framing. Each piece of student art is framed by *Framed on Main* via the sponsorship and generosity of the *Ashtabula County Bar Association*. Pandemic concerns temporarily suspended our program. However, we recently received new student artwork from the Pymatuning Valley School District. Very soon, student artwork will again adorn the walls and public spaces of our juvenile court. Because of the assistance and support of our collaborators, our county's young artists have a wonderful year-long opportunity to be recognized, and to shine! Thank you!



Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Capital Grant

We are very proud to announce the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court has been awarded an \$800,000 capital grant for our building renovations! This grant is extremely competitive. Our Court was one of six Ashtabula County recipients and our award was the second largest grant allocation. House Bill 2 explains this grant is “direct state funds for economic growth and community development.” For more information on House Bill 2, click the here. We are honored to receive this grant on behalf of Ashtabula County’s youth and families. These funds will be used to create a modern and efficient juvenile justice facility for our community. Our dedicated staff will finally attain a suitable physical plant from which to platform their ground-breaking work. Our new building must be transformed from an office facility into a court complex,. Four courtrooms will be constructed and a new clerk’s office will be created. The means temporary disruptions and big changes will be coming to the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court in the coming months. During our period of transition, we will continue to serve the public efficiently, and courteously. Still, we ask for your patience during this process. We are excited Ashtabula County families will finally have a Juvenile Court facility to match the excellence of its programming. We cannot wait to share our progress with the community.

Employee Safety Training

It is crucial to the ongoing successful operation of the Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court and Family Resource Center that every employee completes necessary and proper safety training. Our Court's Chief Security Officer, Kenny Mauro, works hard to ensure all employees are up-to-date on all trainings related to CPR/First Aid, Self-Defense, Incident Report Writing and Emergency Response plans. Kenny will be commencing his twelfth year with the Juvenile Court. He has previously served as a Special Response Team Instructor, Self Defense Instructor, Restraint Instructor and Corrections Officer Academy Instructor. This past summer, Kenny collaborated with Antonio Feralo and Nick Moon from the Ashtabula Fire Department by organizing and facilitating a CPR/First Aid training for Ashtabula County Juvenile Court employees. In total, seventeen (17) court employees were certified, or re-certified, in how to respond to emergencies via the provision of life-saving support in critical situations until professionals arrive. Please join us in thanking Kenny for his foresight and deep commitment the safety and welfare needs of our court and community.



SOFTBALL SEASON IS BACK

The Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court began another Fall season of Soft-ball. Last month, Court employees teamed with the Ashtabula County Children Services Board to create a forceful team. Unfortunately, their talent on the field wasn't enough, and they took their first loss to the Community Counseling Center (9-13). In the middle of September, the Court/Children Services duo challenged the Community Counseling Center for a second time, and again, they fell short and took a second loss (10-11).

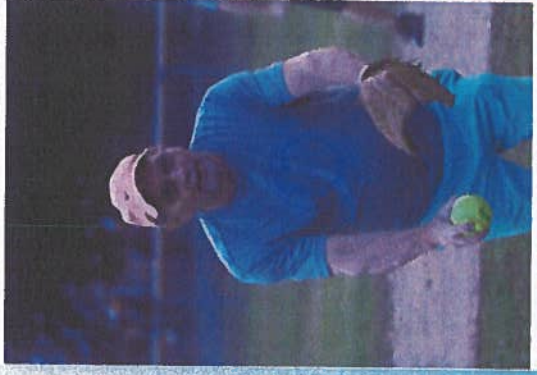


Final Game of The Season

The Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court finished their second year of Fall Softball.

For their final game, Court employees teamed with the Ashtabula County Children Services Board to create a forceful team. Mr. Jim Howell was on the pitcher's mound, and he pitched a great game! Power hitters for the Court were Jeff Waterman, Kenny Mauro, Bayan Linetsky-Gliner and Josh Stewart. The Court took a big win over Signature Health with a final score of 9-5.

Is your agency/business/organization interested in challenging the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court in a softball game next season? Reach out to Coach Jim Howell or Coach Kenny Mauro at (440) 994-6000



Ashtabula County Juvenile Court YouTube

Want to learn more about the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court? Check out our YouTube Page! The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court YouTube page will provide videos from the Judge and Magistrates on client procedural rights, programs and various updates. You can also find videos about the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center and Family Drug Court. Videos are now being added on a regular basis so stay tuned to see what's in store!

To access this page, search Ashtabula County Juvenile Court on YouTube, or visit this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@juvcourt3811>

Mission Statement:

The Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division is committed to administering juvenile justice and protecting the rights and serving the best interest of children, families, parents and community.

Our mission is as follows:

1. To provide for the care, protection, and mental and physical development of children;
2. To provide supervision, care and rehabilitation, whenever possible, in a family environment, separating the child from his or her parents only when necessary for his or her welfare or in the interest of public safety;
3. To provide judicial procedures in which the parties are assured of a fair hearing, and their constitutional and other legal rights are recognized and enforced



Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas: New Standardized Forms

Ashtabula County Juvenile Court announces implementation of Ohio Supreme Court Family Law Standardized Forms, Effective July 10, 2024. Judge Albert S. Campese of the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division has implemented the use of standardized family law forms established by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The standardized family law forms are available on the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court's website,

https://courts.co.ashtabula.oh.us/juvenile_court.htm, under Court Forms.

The forms are also available on the Ohio Supreme Court's Website, <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov>, under Forms. The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court will accept these standardized forms for complaints and motions for custody, parenting time, child support, and other family law matters, as well as all related affidavits. The present *pro se* complaint packets will no longer be accepted for filings as of July 10, 2024. Judge Campese believes the use of Ohio Supreme Court Standardized Forms will support the Court's ongoing efforts to increase access to justice for all litigants, especially *pro se* parties appearing before the Court, by providing easy access to Court forms, streamlining the procedure for filing, and empowering parties to use clear and concise forms to seek requested relief.





New MISSION Practices being Utilized by Family Drug Court

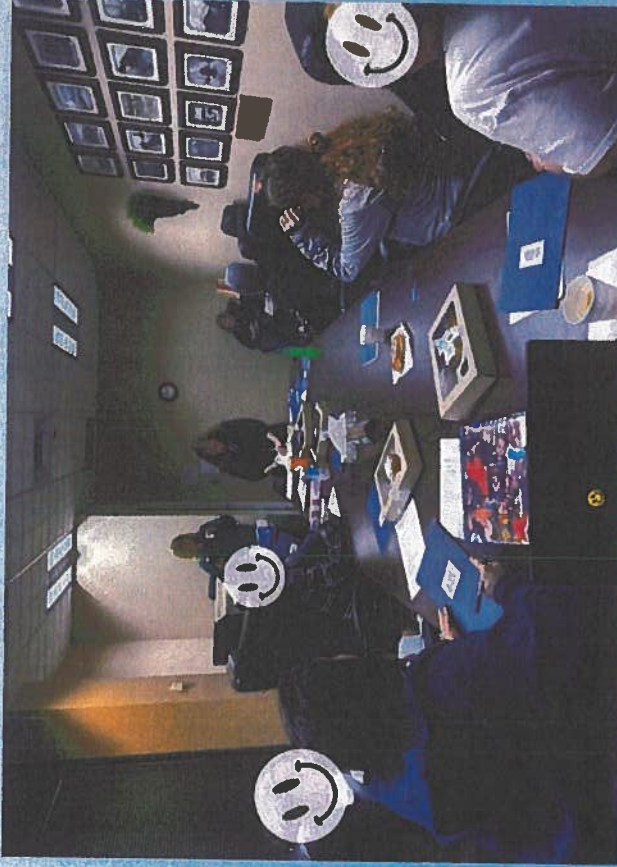
MISSION is an intensive case management/peer support wraparound service that targets the criminal justice population. It is an evidence-based program, and follows a curriculum lasting six months. The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board fully funds this service, and Signature Health is the current service provider. Until recently, MISSION was available only to participants of Mental Health Court docket and Renewal Court. However, Mental Health Court has recently ceased operation of its docket. As a result, MISSION is now being offered to the participants of our court's Family Drug Court [FDC]. MISSION will allow our FDC to provide extra degree of support that our parents may require to succeed. MISSION has five treatment elements that include critical time interventions, empowering prosocial change, dual recovery therapy, peer support sessions, and linkage to employment and trauma services. In 2016, MISSION was entered into the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices. Four studies of MISSION_CJ have been conducted. Two studies were conducted in Veterans Treatment Courts, one in a Mental Health Court, and one in a Drug Court. These studies demonstrated participants in MISSION-CJ experienced decreases in criminal recidivism, and improvements in mental health and substance abuse outcomes, employment opportunities. Users improved link-ages to both VA ,and non-VA care. We celebrate our expanded services, and are deeply appreciative to ACMHRBS and SH for this opportunity!

Family Drug Court

Our Court received a blessing from two anonymous families. These beautiful Easter baskets were delivered for the children of participants in our Family Drug Court program—some of these children are currently placed in a foster care or a kinship setting.



Sara Lopez from Catholic Charities visited the Juvenile Court this morning and taught a budgeting class to our Family Drug Court participants. Our participants walked away with another tool to help them sustain a healthy and successful lifestyle.



Family Drug Court Graduation Celebration

On Monday April 22nd, we celebrated our Family Drug Court program and the accomplishments of two graduates—Sarah Pisarchick and Mary Hall. The room at the Ashtabula County District Library, was filled with family, friends, foster parents and community partners as we celebrated our 13th Family Drug Court graduation since program inception in 2017. Our program has now seen a total of 31 graduates! Sarah and Mary both had their Ashtabula County Children Services Board case successfully closed earlier this year, with their children returned to their custody. We couldn't be more proud of them and all they have accomplished over their 17 months in the program. We would like to thank Melissa Blank from *Melissa Blank Photography* for donating her time and talent by capturing beautiful photographs of the graduates and their families. Melissa has generously taken these photos for the past two years. Congratulations again, Sarah and Mary!



Family Drug Court Graduation

What a cold and windy August morning, but such a beautiful ceremony as we celebrated Family Drug Court Graduate, Dennis Anderson!

On August 19, 2024, the Lakeshore Park Main Pavilion was filled with family, friends, current program participants and community partners as we celebrated our 14th Family Drug Court Graduation. Our program has now seen a total of 32 graduates.

Dennis began his journey with Family Drug Court in April 2022, and an incredible journey he has travelled over the 857 days in the program. We are proud to share that as of, August 19, 2024, Dennis' case with the Ashtabula County Children Services Board was successfully closed, with all three children returned to their custody.

The program welcomed guest speaker, David Roosa. He shared very inspiring words with the attendees. David is very active in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous where he sponsors men in the community, and he recently celebrated five (5) years of sobriety. Also, thank you to Brightview Health for providing donuts and refreshments for all attending the ceremony.

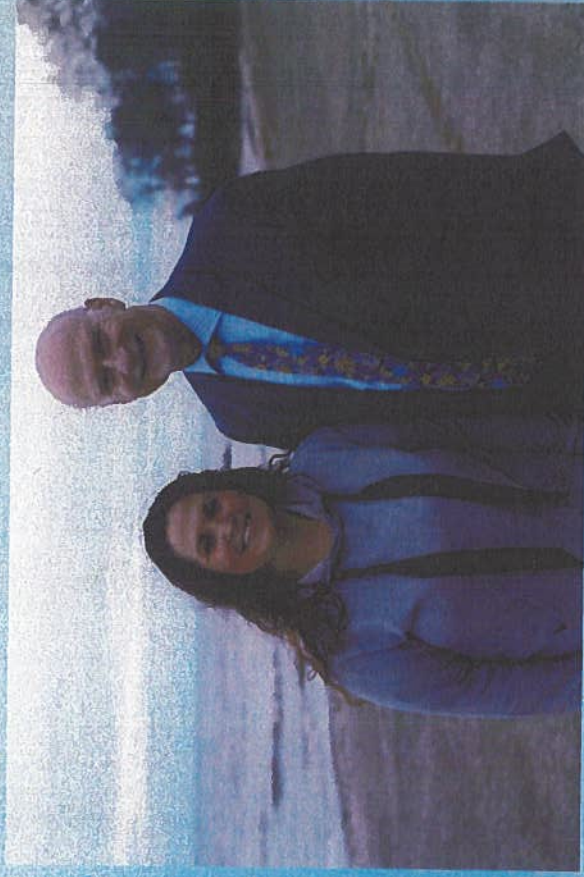


Family Drug Court Graduation

On November 18, 2024, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court celebrated the accomplishments of Family Drug Court Graduate, Jessica Bland!

The Ashtabula Public Library was filled with family, friends, current program participants and community partners as we celebrated our 15th Family Drug Court Graduation. Our program has now seen a total of 34 graduates!

Jessica began her journey with Family Drug Court in September 2022, and an incredible journey she has travelled over the 808 days in the program. Throughout the duration of the program, Jessica remained engaged with all recommended services, such as Substance Use/Mental Health Treatment, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), Supported Employment, Peer Support and Signature Health's MISSION Program. Jessica is known in the recovery community for the support she provides to newcomers in recovery. Jessica plans to work in the substance use field, and will begin Peer Support classes in January 2025.



Family Drug Court Graduate Incentive

The Ashtabula County Juvenile Court would like to thank Melissa Blank from Melissa Blank Photography for donating her time and talent once again, and capturing beautiful photographs for our graduates and their families.

As a Family Drug Court participant moves towards successfully completing the program, they receive a session of family photos taken by a professional photographer. Melissa has generously taken these photos over the past two years.





Family Drug Court Alumni Holiday Party 2024

We had a great time celebrating our Family Drug Court Alumni today with a Holiday Party. Lots of food, fun, games and prizes. Wonderful conversation was had amongst program graduates, Treatment Team Members and Court staff.

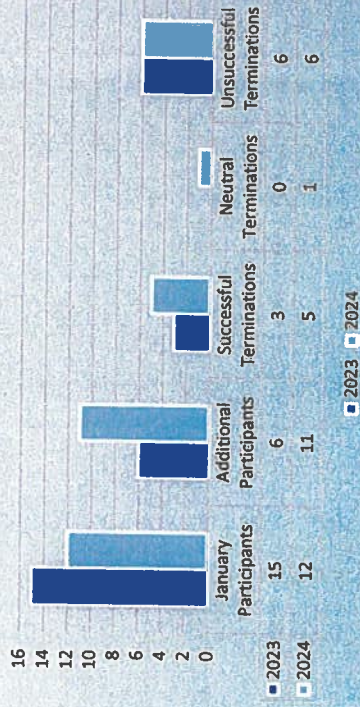
Even after our participants complete the program, we continue to recognize their continued success, and support them in anyway we can. They all left with gifts for themselves and family!

Our Family Drug Court program also shared a few fun awards—"In the World of Grinches, Be A Cindy Lou Who". Five people from our community were given this award for their generosity and support of our Family Drug Court program. Recipients were Janie Gildersleeve from the What If Network, Jewel White from Brightview, Melissa Blank from Melissa Blank Photography, and Holly Ogden and Gisela Wright from the Ashtabula County Children Services Board.

Thank you to the What If Network, Friends of the Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court, and all our Treatment Team providers for supporting our program and help making this party successful!



Juvenile Court Drug Court



Accepted Statistics: 11

FDC had 2 additional referrals that were not accepted into the program.

- One participant refused
- One participant failed to respond to contact attempts
- Mother of the children was accepted into the program

Successful Discharges Statistics: 5

- 11 Children reunified to Parent
- 4 of the 5 ACCSB cases were closed successful, with reunification to FDC participant, 8 Children total
- 1 of the 5 ACCSB cases was closed successful, reunification to father (non-FDC participant), 3 Children total

Neutral Discharge Statistics: 1

- Participant overdosed
- Participant was on "Inactive Status" at time of death

Unsuccessful Discharge Statistics: 6

- One participant's husband successfully completed the program (August 2024)
- One participant's wife is an active participant in the FDC program (as of December 31, 2024)



Juvenile Court Outside Funding

Received in 2024

Funding Source	Provides For	2024
Youth Services Grant	Resource Center Staff and Programming	1,423,973.62
Drug Court Fund ODMIHAS	Drug Court Operations	37,565.00
CSEA	Staff/Supplies to process Court Documents	53,824.36
Title IV-E	Staff for Record keeping/Billing/Case Management	1,748.01
ARPA Backlog Grant	Juvenile Court and Probate Court	275,076.08
Total		1,792,187.07

Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Red Ribbon Week was October 23-31, 2024!

Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. It presents an opportunity for parents, educators, and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share with their children throughout the year.

During Red Ribbon Week, youth and adults around the nation pledge to increase their knowledge by learning more about the destructive effects of drug abuse, including prescription drug misuse, and renew their commitment to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

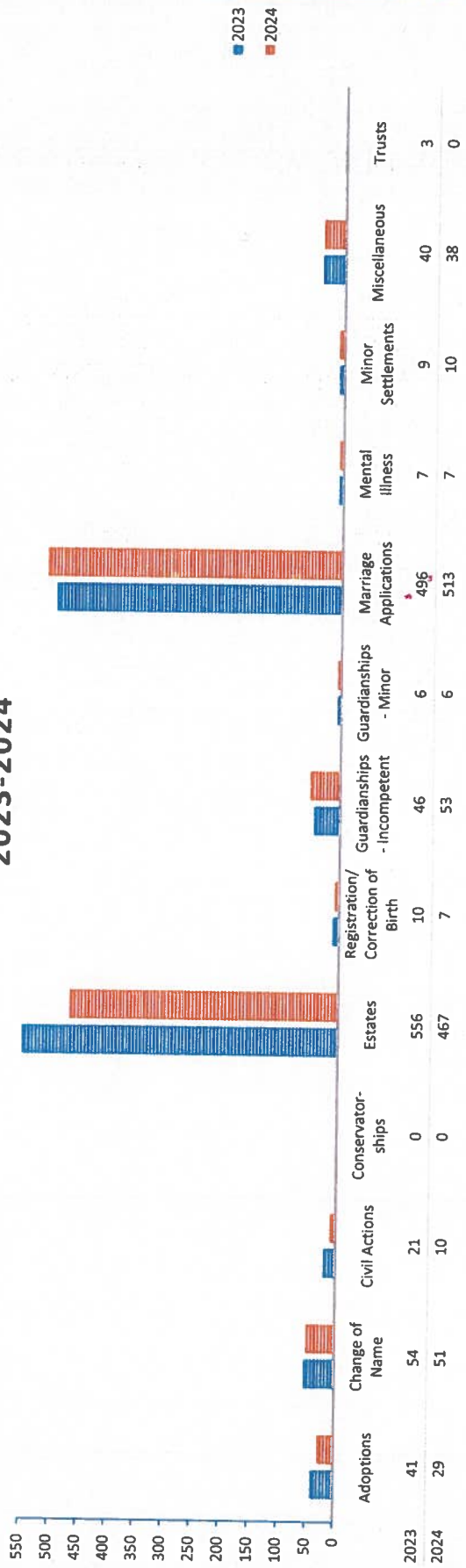
Ashtabula County's Community Counseling Center (CCC) invited our community to participate in a "Red Ribbon Spirit Week" to help spread drug prevention. The Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court participated by wearing crazy hats/socks, their best country apparel, tie dye, and they even said "Boo to Drugs" by wearing their Halloween costume.





Case Type	2023	2024	Difference
Adoptions	41	29	-12
Change of Name	54	51	-3
Civil Actions	21	10	-11
Conservatorships	0	0	0
Estates	556	467	-89
Registration/ Correction of Birth	10	7	-3
Guardianships - Incompetent	46	53	7
Guardianships - Minor	6	6	0
Marriage Applications	496	513	17
Mental Illness	7	7	0
Minor Settlements	9	10	1
Miscellaneous	40	38	-2
Trusts	3	0	-3
TOTAL	1289	1191	-98
Case Search Request	981	1024	-181

PROBATE CASE TYPES 2023-2024



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